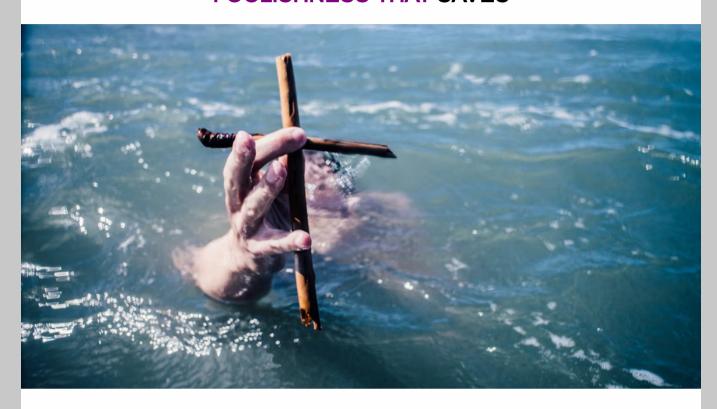


"For the message of the cross is *foolishness* to those who are perishing, but to us who are being *saved* it is the power of God."

FOOLISHNESS THAT SAVES



The cross has a message. The message of the cross is that Jesus came to die for the sins of the world and anyone who puts their trust in Jesus will be saved. This message however does not make sense to the world, it seems foolish.

The message of the cross seems foolish because the world does not acknowledge the depravity of sin - they don't think they are that bad. And the world does not submit to the lordship and sovereignty of God - they don't see God as creator and legitimate ruler of all things. The world also does not realize the dispensation of grace that is now available to them, meaning that they don't see that the window of time available to accept God's love will soon close.

By contrast, **Children of God embrace the message of the cross** knowing that within this message resides the power to save us. We are all in jeopardy of drowning in the sea of our sins and it is only the cross which has the power to save us. The cross saves us from our sins, it gives us hope in our sorrows, and the cross solidifies our salvation through the redemptive work of Jesus on the cross.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Foolishness is defined as a "lack of good sense or judgment", unfortunately for those who don't sense the judgment to come, on that day, they will lack the only good thing which could have saved them.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for the message of the cross. The world may look upon it as foolishness and laugh, but I look upon the cross and I cry, overwhelmed by the depths of your amazing love for me. In the magnificent and triumphant name of your Son Jesus I pray, Amen.



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